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GLIGA TO NEW YORK

1. PAO FERNANDEZ MET GLIGA ON ARRIVAL ON PA-73 SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT JFK. GLIGA WAS LOOKTNG TIRED BUT IN GOOD SPIRITS.

2. MONDAY MORNING APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN WAS UNFORTUNATELY CANCELLED DUE TO PRESS OF SECURITY COUNCIL BUSINESS. ATTEMPT TO RESCHEDULE TUESDAY AM WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

3. GLIGA ATTENDED IREX WORKING LUNCHEON AT PRINCETON CLUB MONDAY FOLLOWING MORNING SESSION IREX HELD WITH MATACHE. GLIGA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR IREX HOSPITALITY AND NOTED IN AFTER-LUNCHEON TOAST THAT IREX PROGRAM HAS PROVIDED ROMANIA WITH EXPERIENCE USEFUL FOR CONDUCTING - EXCHANGES WITH OTHER U.S. INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS OTHER COUNTRIES. DURING LUNCHEON DISCUSSION WITH KASSOF AND KEN JOWITT (MEMBER OF IREX BOARD) GLIGA REFERRED TO ROMANIAN INTEREST IN SHORT TERM EXCHANGES, WHICH HAD ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED WITH MATACHE IN MORNING MEETING.

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GLIGA ALSO EXPLAINED ROMANIA IS ENGAGED IN REORIENTING

ITS PRIORITIES AND SEEKING TO INTEGRATE EDUCATION,

RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION AND THAT "TRANSITIONAL PHASE" OF COUNTRY AT PRESENT IS THE ONLY REASON ONLY ONE ROMANIAN DEPARTED FOR IREX PROGRAM THIS ACADEMIC YEAR. HE EMPHASIZED ROMANIAN DESIRE TO CONTINUE IREX EXCHANGES. GLIGA ALSO POINTED OUT ROMANIAN INTEREST IN TRAINING "MIDDLE LEVEL CADRE" OR, ALTERNATIVELY, INSTRUCT "HIGHER LEVEL CADRE" ON WAYS TO TRAIN THE FORMER.

4. AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MEETINGS MONDAY PM--IN WHICH GLIGA'S ATTACHMENT FOR THE ACADEMIC ATMOSPHERE CAME THROUGH IN BROAD SMILES--HE MET WITH PROFESSORS ISTVAN DEAK AND JOHN HAZARD ALONG WITH RUSSIAN INSTITUTE DIRECTOR HARKNESS AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ASSOCIATE DEAN AINSLIE EMBREE AND WESTERN EUROPE INSTITUTE DIRECTOR WILFRED KOHL. GLIGA SAID IN MEETING WITH DEAK THAT ROMANIA WILL DEFINITELY PARTICIPATE IN PROF. FISCHER-GALATI'S SEMINAR NEXT FALL AND THAT THEIR NAMES WOULD BE PROVIDED VERY SOON.

5. IN TALKS WITH EMBREE AND KOHL, GLIGA WAS INFORMED THAT KOHL WILL BECOME DIRECTOR OF JOHNS HOPKINS BOLOGNA SCHOOL THIS SUMMER AND IS INTERESTED IN HAVING ROMANIAN STUDENTS. (COMMENT: PAO WILL PURSUE THIS MATTER WITH KOHL DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23 IN NEW YORK.)

6. GLIGA ALSO WALKED THROUGH MAIN COLUMBIA CAMPUS AND POSED MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ENROLLMENT, COSTS, COURSES OF INSTRUCTION--AND HOUSING FOR STUDENTS.

7. IREX LUNCHEON WAS ATTENDED BY GLIGA, BOGDAN AND MITRAN AND PAO WHO ALSO ACCOMPANIED GLIGA AND MITRAN TO COLUMBIA.

8. PRIOR TO OPENING OF REVIEW TALKS, WEDNESDAY AM, GLIGA TOLD PAO HIS TUESDAY VISIT TO COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS HAD BEEN "VERY PLEASANT" AND THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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US-ROMANIAN SEMINAR COULD TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER. COUNCIL WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH FOTINO. BASED ON HIS COMMENTS ON PROGRAM AT IREX, COLUMBIA AND CFR, IT IS CLEAR N.Y. STAY WAS USEFUL AND ENJOYABLE FOR HIM. KISSINGER

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